

# Freshwater Fish Consumption Advisory List

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| WATER BODY  | TOWN(s)  | FISH ADVISORY*                           | HAZARD*          |
|---|--|--|------------------|
| Aaron River Reservoir   | Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate  | P1 (all species), P2 (CP, YP), P4        | Mercury          |
| Ames Pond   | Tewksbury  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Ashumet Pond  | Mashpee, Falmouth  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Attitash, Lake  | Amesbury, Merrimac   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4           | Mercury          |
| Baker Pond  | Orleans  | P1 (YP), P3 (YP)                         | Mercury          |
| Baldpate Pond   | Boxford  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4           | Mercury          |
| Ballardvale Impoundment of Shawsheen River  | Andover  | P1 (LMB & BC), P3 (LMB & BC)             | Mercury          |
| Bare Hill Pond  | Harvard  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Big Pond  | Otis   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4           | Mercury          |
| Blackstone River above Blackstone Gorge   | Blackstone   | P1 (all species), P2 (C & WS)            | PCBs             |
| Boon, Lake  | Hudson, Stow   | P1 (LMB & BC), P3 (LMB & BC)             | Mercury          |
| Box Pond  | Bellingham, Mendon   | P1 (WS), P2 (WS)                         | DDT              |
| Bracket Reservoir – See Sudbury River   |  |  |                  |
| Buffomville Lake  | Charlton, Oxford   | P1 (all species), P5                     | Mercury          |
| Burr's Pond   | Seekonk  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Cabot Pond – See Rumford River  |  |  |                  |
| Cedar Swamp Pond  | Milford  | P1 (all species), P5                     | Mercury          |
| Chadwicks Pond  | Boxford, Haverhill   | P6                                       | Mercury          |
| Charles River (Between the South Natick Dam in Natick and the Museum of Science Dam in Boston/ Cambridge)                         | Boston, Cambridge, Dedham, Dover, Natick, Needham, Newton, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, Waltham | P1 (C, LMB), P2 (C), P3 (LMB)            | PCBs, Pesticides |
| Charles River (Between the South Natick Dam in Natick and the Medway Dam in Franklin and Medway)                                  | Dover, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Norfolk, Sherborn                             | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Chebacco Lake   | Essex, Hamilton  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Clay Pit Pond   | Belmont  | P6                                       | Chlordane        |
| Cochato River, Ice Pond and Sylvan Lake   | Randolph, Holbrook, Braintree  | P1 (all species), P2 (BB & C & AE), P4   | Pesticides       |
| Cochichewick, Lake  | North Andover  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Cochituate, Lake  | Framingham, Natick, Wayland  | P1 (all species), P2 (AE)                | PCBs             |
| Concord River   | Concord, Carlisle, Bedford, Billerica  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4           | Mercury          |
| Connecticut River   | All towns between Northfield and Longmeadow  | P1 (all species), P2 (CC & WC & AE & YP) | PCBs             |
| Copicut River, Cornell Pond   | Dartmouth  | P1 (all species), P2 (AE), P3 (LMB)      | PCBs, Mercury    |
| Crystal Lake  | Haverhill  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4           | Mercury          |
| Dennison, Lake  | Winchendon   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Dodgeville Pond - See Mechanics Pond  |  |  |                  |
| Drinkwater River/ Indian Head River/North River (from Forge Pond Dam in Hanover to Route 3 in Norwell/ Pembroke) and Factory Pond | Hanson, Hanover, Norwell, Pembroke   | P6                                       | Mercury          |
| Duck Pond   | Wellfleet  | P6                                       | Mercury          |
| Dyer Pond   | Wellfleet  | P6                                       | Mercury          |
| East Brimfield Reservoir - See Quinebaug River  |  |  |                  |
| East Monponsett Pond  | Halifax  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Echo Lake   | Hopkinton, Milford   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                       | Mercury          |
| Factory Pond - See Drinkwater River   |  |  |                  |

\* See page 6 for codes.

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| Flax Pond   | Lynn  | P1 (AE, WP), P2 (AE)                 | DDT, Chlordane           |
| Flint Pond  | Tyngsborough  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4       | Mercury                  |
| Forest Lake   | Methuen   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Forge Pond  | Littleton, Westford   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Fort Meadow Reservoir   | Hudson, Marlborough   | P1 (WS), P3 (WS)                     | Chlordane                |
| Foster Pond   | Swampscott  | P1 (AE), P2 (AE)                     | DDT                      |
| Fosters Pond  | Andover   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Freeman Lake – See Newfield Pond  |   |                                      |                          |
| Fulton Pond - See Rumford River   |   |                                      |                          |
| Gales Pond  | Warwick   | P1 (YP), P3 (YP)                     | Mercury                  |
| Gibbs Pond  | Nantucket   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Goodrich Pond   | Pittsfield  | P6                                   | PCBs                     |
| Great Herring Pond  | Bourne, Plymouth  | P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Great Pond  | Truro   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Great Pond  | Wellfleet   | P6                                   | Mercury                  |
| Great South Pond  | Plymouth  | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Grove Pond (See footnote 1)   | Ft. Devens, Ayer  | P6                                   | Mercury                  |
| Haggetts Pond   | Andover   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4       | Mercury                  |
| Hamblin Pond  | Barnstable  | P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Heard Pond  | Wayland   | P6                                   | Mercury                  |
| Hickory Hills Lake  | Lunenburg   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Hocomonco Pond  | Westborough   | P6                                   | PAHs                     |
| Hodges Village Dam Impoundment  | Oxford  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4       | Mercury                  |
| Holland Pond – See Quinebaug River  |   |                                      |                          |
| Hood's Pond   | Topsfield, Ipswich  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB, YP), P4   | Mercury                  |
| Hoosic River  | N. Adams, Williamstown  | P6                                   | PCBs                     |
| Houey's Pond  | Boxford   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Housatonic River (See footnote 2)   | All towns from Dalton to Sheffield                                | P6 (also includes frogs and turtles) | PCBs                     |
| Ice Pond – See Cochato River  |   |                                      |                          |
| Indian Head River – See Drinkwater River  |   |                                      |                          |
| Ipswich River (between the Bostik Findley Dam in Middleton and the Sylvania Dam in Ipswich)   | Danvers, Hamilton, Ipswich, Middleton, Peabody, Topsfield, Wenham | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| John's Pond   | Mashpee   | P1 (all species), P2 (SMB), P4       | Mercury                  |
| Johnsons Pond   | Groveland, Boxford  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Kenoza Lake   | Haverhill   | P6                                   | Mercury                  |
| Kingman Pond – See Rumford River  |   |                                      |                          |
| Konkapot River (from Mill River to the confluence with the Housatonic River)  | Sheffield, New Marlborough  | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Lakes whose names begin with "Lake" are listed under the second word in their name (so that Lake Pentucket is listed under "Pentucket," etc.) |   |                                      |                          |
| Lashaway, Lake  | North Brookfield, East Brookfield                                 | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Lewin Brook Impoundment   | Swansea   | P1 (BC, LMB), P3 (BC, LMB)           | Mercury                  |
| Locust Pond   | Tyngsborough  | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Long Pond   | Dracut, Tyngsboro   | P1 (all species), P5                 | Mercury                  |
| Long Pond   | Wellfleet   | P6                                   | Mercury                  |
| Long Pond (Rochester) – See Snipituit Pond  |   |                                      |                          |
| Lost Lake   | Groton  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                   | Mercury                  |
| Lowe Pond   | Boxford   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4       | Mercury                  |
| Lowell Canals (see footnote 3)  | Lowell  | P1 (all species), P2 (AE), P4        | Mercury, Lead, PCBs, DDT |

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2 Fish taken from feeder streams to the Housatonic River should be trimmed of fatty tissue prior to cooking.

3 For Lowell Canals, the public is advised to consume only the fillet of those species not specifically listed in the advisory.

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| Malden River   | Everett, Malden, Medford   | P6                                     | PCBs, Chlordane, DDT |
| Martins Pond   | North Reading  | P1 (LMB & BC & YP), P3 (LMB & BC & YP) | Mercury              |
| Mashpee/Wakeby Pond  | Mashpee, Sandwich  | P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Massapoag Lake   | Sharon   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Massapoag Pond   | Dunstable, Groton, Tyngsboro   | P1 (all species), P5                   | Mercury              |
| Mechanics Pond, Dodgeville Pond, and the section of the Ten Mile River that connects them  | Attleboro  | P1 (WP), P3 (WP)                       | Chlordane            |
| Merrimack River  | All towns between Tyngsborough and Methuen                                   | P1 (WS & LMB), P3 (WS & LMB)           | Mercury              |
| Miacomet Pond  | Nantucket  | P1 (all species), P2 (WP), P4          | Mercury              |
| Mill Pond  | Burlington   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Mill Pond (above GH Nichols Dam)   | Westborough  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB)             | Mercury              |
| Mill River   | Hopedale   | P1 (all species), P5                   | PCBs                 |
| Millers River and its tributaries (between the confluence with the Otter River in Winchendon and the Connecticut River in Erving/Montague) | Athol, Erving, Montague, Orange, Phillipston, Royalston, Wendell, Winchendon | P1 (all species), P2 (AE, BT), P4      | PCBs                 |
| Millvale Reservoir   | Haverhill  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB)             | Mercury              |
| Mirror Lake  | Ft. Devens, Harvard  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Lake Monomonac and the North branch of Millers River (from the outlet of Lake Monomonac to the inlet of Whitney Pond)                      | Winchendon   | P1 (all species), P5                   | Mercury              |
| Morewood Lake  | Pittsfield   | P6                                     | PCBs                 |
| Muddy River  | Boston, Brookline  | P1 (all species), P2 (BB & C & AE), P4 | PCBs                 |
| Mystic River between outlet of Lower Mystic Lake and Amelia Earhart Dam  | Arlington, Everett, Medford, Somerville                                      | P6                                     | PCBs, Chlordane, DDT |
| Nabnasset Pond   | Westford   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Neponset River between the Hollingsworth & Vose Dam in Walpole and the Walter Baker Dam in Boston*   | Boston, Canton, Dedham, Milton, Norwood, Sharon, Walpole, Westwood           | P1 (BB, WS), P2 (WS), P3 (BB)          | PCBs                 |
| New Bedford Reservoir  | Acushnet   | P1 (AE, LMB), P3 (AE, LMB)             | Mercury, DDT         |
| Newfield Pond (= Freeman Lake)   | Chelmsford   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Nippenicket, Lake  | Bridgewater, Raynham   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4         | Mercury              |
| Noquochoke Lake  | Dartmouth  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB & AE), P4    | Mercury, PCBs        |
| North River – see Drinkwater River   |  |  |                      |
| Norton Reservoir – See Rumford River   |  |  |                      |
| Nutting Lake   | Billerica  | P1 (all species), P5                   | Mercury              |
| Otis Reservoir   | Otis, Tolland  | P1 (all species), P5                   | Mercury              |
| Otter River (from the confluence with the Millers River in Winchendon to the Seaman Paper Dam in Templeton)                                | Templeton, Winchendon  | P1 (all species), P2 (BB & WS), P4     | PCBs                 |
| Pentucket Pond   | Georgetown   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB & BC), P4    | Mercury              |
| Pentucket, Lake  | Haverhill  | P6                                     | Mercury              |
| Pepperell Pond   | Pepperell, Groton  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4         | Mercury              |
| Peters Pond  | Sandwich   | P1 (SMB), P3 (SMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Plainfield Pond  | Plainfield   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |
| Plowshop Pond (See footnote 4)   | Ft. Devens, Ayer   | P6                                     | Mercury              |
| Pomps Pond   | Andover  | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4         | Mercury              |
| Pontoosuc Lake   | Pittsfield, Lanesborough   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                     | Mercury              |

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| Powder Mill Pond   | Barre   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Puffer Pond (See footnote 5)   | Ft. Devens Sudbury Training Annex, Maynard  | P6                                 | Mercury            |
| Quabbin & Wachusett Reservoirs (See footnote 6)  | New Salem, Shutesbury, Petersham, Hardwick, Ware, Pelham, Belchertown, Boylston, West Boylston, Sterling, Clinton | See footnote 6                     | Mercury            |
| Quaboag Pond   | E. Brookfield, Brookfield   | P1 (all species), P2 (LMB), P4     | Mercury            |
| Quinebaug River, East Brimfield Reservoir, Holland Pond  | Brimfield, Holland  | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Rice City Pond   | Northbridge, Uxbridge   | P1 (all species), P2 (C, WS), P4   | PCBs, DDT          |
| Riverdale Pond   | Northbridge   | P1 (all species), P5               | PCBs               |
| Rock Pond  | Georgetown  | P6                                 | Mercury            |
| Rohuntha, Lake   | Orange, Athol, New Salem  | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Rumford River from Glue Factory Pond Dam; Fulton, Kingman, & Cabot ponds; Norton reservoir                                 | Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton   | P6                                 | Dioxin, Pesticides |
| Ryder Pond   | Truro   | P6                                 | Mercury            |
| Saltonstall, Lake  | Haverhill   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Sampsons Pond  | Carver  | P1 (BB, WP), P3 (BB, WP)           | Mercury, DDT       |
| Shawsheen River - See Ballardvale Impoundment  |   |                                    |                    |
| Sheep Pond   | Brewster  | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Sherman Reservoir  | Rowe, Monroe  | P1 (all species), P2 (YP), P4      | Mercury            |
| Silver Lake  | Wilmington  | P1 (LMB, YB), P3 (LMB, YB)         | Mercury, DDT       |
| Slough Pond  | Truro   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Snake Pond   | Sandwich  | P1 (all species), P2 (SMB), P4     | Mercury            |
| Snipituit Pond and Long Pond   | Rochester   | P1 (BC & LMB), P3 (BC & LMB)       | Mercury            |
| Snow Pond  | Truro   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Somerset Reservoir   | Somerset  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| South Pond (= Quacumquasit Pond)   | Sturbridge, Brookfield, E. Brookfield   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Spy Pond   | Arlington   | P1 (C), P2 (C)                     | DDT, Chlordane     |
| Stern Reservoir – See Sudbury River  |   |                                    |                    |
| Stevens Pond   | North Andover   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Stockbridge Bowl   | Stockbridge   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Sudbury Reservoir  | Marlborough, Southborough   | P1 (all species), P2 (Bass)        | Mercury            |
| Sudbury River (from Ashland to its confluence with the Assabet and Concord Rivers), Stern Reservoir, and Bracket Reservoir | All towns between Ashland and Concord   | P6                                 | Mercury            |
| Sylvan Lake – See Cochato River  |   |                                    |                    |
| Ten Mile River – see Mechanics Pond  |   |                                    |                    |
| Texas Pond (= Thayer Pond)   | Oxford  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Thayer Pond – see Texas Pond   |   |                                    |                    |
| Upper Reservoir  | Westminster   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Wachusett Reservoir – See Quabbin Reservoir  |   |                                    |                    |
| Waite Pond   | Leicester   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Walden Pond  | Concord   | P1 (LMB & SMB), P3 (LMB & SMB)     | Mercury            |
| Wampanoag, Lake  | Ashburnham, Gardner   | P1 (all species), P5               | Mercury            |
| Warner's Pond  | Concord   | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |
| Wenham Lake  | Beverly, Wenham   | P1 (all species), P2 (AE, LMB), P4 | Mercury, DDT       |
| Wequaquet Lake   | Barnstable  | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)                 | Mercury            |

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6 Children younger than 12 years, pregnant women, and nursing women should not consume fish except for lake trout less than 24 inches long and salmon. All other people should not eat smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, or lake trout greater than 24 inches long; may eat unlimited amounts of salmon and lake trout less than 24 inches long; and should limit consumption of all other Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoir fish species to one five-ounce meal per week.

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| Whitehall Reservoir | Hopkinton                      | P1 (all species), P2 (YB), P4 | Mercury        |
| Whitings Pond       | North Attleborough, Plainville | P1 (B, LMB), P3 (B, LMB)      | Mercury        |
| Whitmans Pond       | Weymouth                       | P1 (AE), P2 (AE)              | DDT            |
| Whitney Pond        | Winchendon                     | P1 (all species), P2 (CP), P4 | Mercury        |
| Wickaboag Pond      | West Brookfield                | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)            | Mercury        |
| Willet Pond         | Walpole, Norwood, Westwood     | P1 (LMB), P3 (LMB)            | Mercury        |
| Winthrop, Lake      | Holliston                      | P6                            | Dioxin         |

**Advice Codes**

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| P1 (all species) | Children younger than 12 years or age, pregnant women, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, and nursing mothers should not eat any fish from this water body.  |
| P1 (species)     | Children younger than 12 years or age, pregnant women, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, and nursing mothers should not eat any of the affected fish species (in parenthesis) from this water body. |
| P2 (species)     | The general public should not consume any of the affected fish species (in parenthesis) from this water body.  |
| P3 (species)     | The general public should limit consumption of affected fish species (in parenthesis) to two meals per month.  |
| P4               | The general public should limit consumption of non-affected fish from this water body to two meals per month.  |
| P5               | The general public should limit consumption of all fish from this water body to two meals per month.   |
| P6               | No one should consume any fish from this water body.   |

**Fish Codes**

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|----|-----------------|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| AE | American Eel    | CCS | Creek Chubsucker | SMB | Smallmouth Bass |
| B  | Bluegill        | CP  | Chain Pickerel   | WC  | White Catfish   |
| BB | Brown Bullhead  | FF  | Fallfish         | WP  | White Perch     |
| BC | Black Crappie   | GRS | Green Sunfish    | WS  | White Sucker    |
| BT | Brown Trout     | LMB | Largemouth Bass  | YB  | Yellow Bullhead |
| C  | Carp            | LNS | Longnose Sucker  | YP  | Yellow Perch    |
| CB | Calico Bass     | P   | Pumpkinseed      |     |                 |
| CC | Channel Catfish | RT  | Rainbow Trout    |     |                 |

**Hazard Code**

PCB=polychlorinated biphenyls

PAHs=polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons